

COMMON SCENTS

Lenape Tracking Club of Central New Jersey

Lacey & Lisa Get Their TDX!!



Propwasheloranadan Wildchild AKC: VCD2- AX, TDX, HSAs, TDI, ASCA: STDcs, OTDd, UD, TD, RS-N, RV-O, GS-N, OG-V, JS-N NADAC: OGC-V, OAC-V, NAC, NJC, NGC, UKC: TD, NEDDC: DDX (driving excellent draft dog), BNDD, CWS: TSW, (5 merit certificates toward WRW, (1 merit certificate in submersion work), 1 merit certificate in Delivery work, Certificate of Canine Water Tow Work, (WTW)

Lacey is mentally sharp and always on the go. Tracking dogs like Lacey are a joy to track with. They are the creative type who tends to think outside the box. Happiest surrounded by people but not so happy being followed. People tend to be drawn to the charming nature of her work ethic only to see her fade in front of the gallery of the tracking tests. Indeed a challenging venue for her to trial. Thinking well on her feet is Lacey's strong suit and throughout the years we have worked to reduce her impatience and impulsiveness as she does not suffer fools gladly. It easy to be her friend but much more challenging to be her close friend. Ambitious and honest, Lacey was the third dog and so Tracking was just part of the group activities. We thrive on being busy! In tracking, it is very easy to just keep laying tracks while waiting for others to age. My tracking friends have laid countless tracks for me, and I for them. Many times they would bring their Scent in a Bottle for Lacey and we would lay tracks at 6am before work and after dark. In cooler months we combined shopping with tracking to age tracks in the cold weather when we started TDXs.

I am a huge fan of capturing behavior and then shaping it. Lacey was the first dog I started using Scent in A Bottle (Described on. <http://www.malinut.com/index.php/ref/write/siab/>). Basically I submerged a sweaty article of clothing in a gallon of distilled water, left it overnight, wrung it out, poured the water in a spray bottle. I set the bottle to stream. Shot a stream ahead of me as I walked across the pavement so that I walked over the stream of scent. I brought Lacey out to the start and waited for her to investigate—click and treat—then I waited for audible sniffing, and then I worked on lengthening the duration of the

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behavior. I started on pavement in parking lots (you see where the shopping came in .grin) and then moved on to dirt and finally to grass. The actual SIAB method has many more steps and I confess I skipped quite a few. She just seemed to sail along with no hesitations to new obstacles. Her love of articles combined with an aptitude for acquiring things and being always on the hunt made tracking very self serving to her .

I also am a big believer in video taping training sessions. It is absolutely crucial to see over and over again how my dog tracks and her body language .Not to mention my body language to her. I will never stop watching and learning to read my dogs on tracks. I am a huge fan of behavior and tracking is challenging to me because the viewpoint from the tracking line is not the telltale face, lips, mouth and nose and ears or body profile. <http://www.i2ik9.com/> is the link to Steve White's website who I learned Scent in a Bottle from. I am a huge fan of his methods.

Further along in Lacey's training we went through a phase where she was so article oriented that she was pulling out any track markers, Her "Cleverness" would pull flags, golf tees, and mouth rocks if lifted and placed on a track to hold an article and eventually she was scenting and scouting trees for clothespins. Her personality allows nothing in-between! You either love or hate Lacey's greediness on the track.. I can easily hear her saying the Peter the Great's quote "I have conquered an empire but I have not been able to conquer myself." This progressed to cutting turns to find articles sooner. (This resulted in blown whistles on the first two TDX attempts) I had to take the articles off the track and back up to SIAB on the turns only and click and treat her nailing the turn. I think it took about 6 tracks like that and we were back in business. . I also replaced gloves with bottle caps and pennies to make sure she wasn't inclined to become visual again and hopefully to cut down on air scenting. As I continue to track with her I am very grateful she is such an honest worker to achieve our goals as she acquires articles and it is my job to make sure I keep the turns in her focus as her ambitions are big, and they are usually very successful. Another training issue that cropped up was she sometimes would be inclined to turn off the current days track to follow an old path from the same tracklayer the week before. These phenomena cropped up with my other Aussie Murphy as well. I went back to my remedial SIAB for turns for this issue as well. Somewhere along the way she had some problems with hillsides and wind, so we practiced those scenarios with SIAB as well. Being sure to reinforce her for being on the original path and just not acknowledging where the scent may have drifted.

At the Burlington TDX test in May Lacey was quick and ready! She was very organized and found her way along the track with her usual sense of adventure. She found a 20-foot diameter of horse manure mid length after the second turn. She treated herself while casting.

Experience has taught me to shut my mouth with her. Guess what? The turn was there too! Bolting across the road her mind scheming her next "article attack" she traveled head down and exhibited her usual persistence and cunning. "Is that your track?" I asked her , hoping she was as certain as her body posture. Peripherally, I saw the gallery jog to navigate the road as well. Gleefully, she plucked an article and cast it over her head. A huge indication and she wanted to find more. Almost immediately after restarting her we came across some old animal bones. They warranted a thorough inspection by the opportunist before she continued down the track in the spirit of acquisition. Finding another turn she headed for the



woods. Woods? I mean pucker brush! It was so tight. I was practically straddling the dog to keep from getting separated . I fought with the line as she worked her way towards a large fallen tree. She looked to the left but went right. Popped over the tree and then her body changed and I again asked her, "Is that your track?" She glanced back at me over her left shoulder and started to swing to me. I backed to the fallen tree and she went left. We came out in a field straight up to a fresh animal carcass. I bit my tongue. Lacey rolled and frolicked in her newfound treasure. Just as I was speculating she might have sought out the carcass she surged forward. Empowered with her new smelly cape. Quickly the track was finished and she pounced to retrieve her final article.

Inspiring the minds of others with her loyalty and fervor on that track one would never guess how deep our relationship goes to get Lacey to "put on the dancing plumes" and track in the presence of a gallery and judges...Tracking at the test with Lacey was yet another of those magical times that epitomizes the culmination of many good times spent together in the field. My tracking with Lacey provided an essential challenge for her. It helped her to adapt to different environments. She had to "give up" watching her environment. Instead the formidable problem solver learned to act instead of react . Hunting articles while tracking step by step as a team that embraced the gallery.

★ Got News... ★

WELL, WE DO! ★

★ **O**n Feb. 8, 2008 **Janet Doerer's Chase** received his UD ★
and since then he has received 2 UDX legs and 4 OTCH
points!

★ **M**arion Rapp's rescue Cardigan Welsh Corgi, Oakcrest
Rainbow Bubbles, Bubbles for short, got her AKC CD
title at New Brunswick Kennel Club's obedience trial on
March 21, 2008. A very busy and active dog, she hates the
group exercises. Wish us luck in open.

★ **HUGE** "congratulations and job well done" to two of the
newest Tracking Dogs and handlers. **Irina Belovskaya** and
Golden Retriever, **Lucky**, passed the TD test, first attempt, at
the Oriole Dog Training Club's tracking test. In one short year,
Irina has gone from a novice tracking handler to a patient,
skilled and confident handler. Lucky is on his way to a TDX.
Irina also helped out laying crosstracks in Lenape TDX.

★ **SUE ELY** and her Norfolk Terrier, **Harry**, passed the
TD test at the Lackawanna Kennel Club's Tracking Test. I
believe that Harry is only one of two Norfolk terriers to earn a
TD. Note that Harry is also a Master Earthdog who is able to
separate the two jobs and find his way to the glove.

★ **N**ew TDX dog!!! Lisa Pattison and Lacey passed at
the Vermont TDX test on May 11, 2008.

What a Successful TED

Rave reviews—

everyone particularly liked how you helped them. I'll send out the summary of the evaluations in a few weeks.

I want to thank each of you individually for your

The fieldworks went well—and thanks to all the instructors and facilitators for getting the teams started on tracking. Let's hope the participants keep it up and return for follow ups.

I certainly was very proud of all of you and how you made the day special for everyone.

*Thanks again
Joan*



commitment to helping make this TED work for everyone. As a newcomer to the club and to tracking, I welcome all the guidance and particularly for your pitching in when you see a job needs to be done. Thanks too for all the folks who stayed to clean up—by then I know my energy level was sagging.

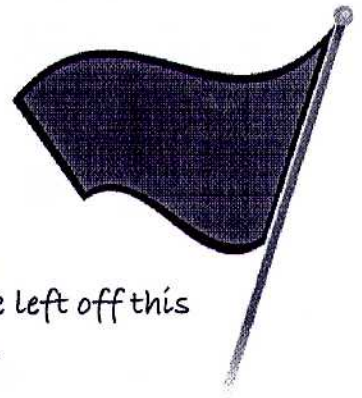
How wonderful that Teryl was able to pick up Bev's talks at the last minute. And also thanks to Peg for doing the hard work of registering all the participants and keeping track of the checks. The challenge is all the last minute changes in who's coming, who can bring their dog, and making sure they know where they are going. Peg did a great job.

The stations seemed to work well, even though I couldn't find the signs for the stations. Of course, I and them when unpacking to put everything away. Thanks to all the guides for getting their teams to the right stations.

A special thank you to everyone who helped make TED a success

Peg Forte, Joan Luckhardt, Teryl Lebkuecher, Diane Thompson, Chuck Shultz, Susan Palus, Charlene Bridgwood, Donna Hess, Cheryl Mathews, Frank Shields, Gail Thompson, Marilyn Mueller, John Etchells

If you helped out, & were left off this list, please let me know.



Border Collies have 'eye', We have the whole body!

Cardigan Welsh Corgi,
Corwynt Tayken
Splash of Ice has
achieved Herding
Started Sheep, Open
Agility and Open
Jumpers.



Cardigan Welsh Corgi,
CH Corwynt Mace
Windu RE, TDX,
HSAs has achieved
Novice Agility Jumper
title. This was six years
in the making!!



Cardigan Welsh Corgi,
Cerdigion Cadi Cain RN, TDX,
HSAs has a new set of wheels!

Workshop: Sept 20-21. Judge: Beth Goodbody

TD: Nov 1-2, 2008. Judges: Robert Cuzner and
Judi Edwards

TDX: Nov 8-9, 2008. Judges: Mike Clemens and
Michele Gillette